

# Treasure Island Camp Weekend Camping Trip

*Birthplace of the Order of the Arrow*

Friday April 10 to Sunday April 12, 2026

We are camping on historic Treasure Island — the very ground where the Order of the Arrow was founded! Saturday features a tour of the Goodman-Edson Museum (the largest collection of Scouting memorabilia east of the Mississippi), orienteering across the island, patrol cooking, formal retreat ceremony, and an evening campfire program at the Treasure Island Ceremonial Ground. Sunday includes the Interfaith Worship Service and checkout before midday.

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**Where:** Treasure Island Camp, 575 River Road (Ranger House), Pipersville, PA 18947 — an island in the Delaware River, accessed by barge/ferry from the Pennsylvania shore

**Who:** Scouts & Adults of Willistown Troop 78

**Uniform:** ALL Scouts and Adult Leaders arrive Friday in **Class A uniform with hiking boots**. Class A required for Colors ceremonies on Saturday.

**What:** Scouts and Adults camp in tents on historic Treasure Island — birthplace of the Order of the Arrow

**Cost:** All Scouts — No charge  
Registered Adults — \$30 (check made payable to Willistown Troop 78)

**Meals:** All meals are cooked by Patrols at the campsite. Scouts should coordinate with their Patrol Leader on food planning and patrol box supplies.

- Friday dinner: on your own — eat before you arrive or bring food for the road.
- Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner: Patrol cooked at the campsite.
- Sunday breakfast: Patrol cooked at the campsite.
- We may stop for lunch on the way home Sunday; bring spending money just in case!

**Transportation:** Bus for all Scouts and accompanying adults (NO Exceptions). The Troop equipment truck will also travel to camp. Upon arrival, we park at the Ranger House lot and **cross to the island by barge/ferry**.

**Depart:** Arrive Friday evening at 6:00 PM SHARP at the Cabin in Class A uniform — BE ON TIME!

**Return:** Sunday, approximately midday to the Cabin

## WHAT TO BRING:

All gear must be packed in a frame pack (internal or external). NO duffle bags, suitcases, or roller bags.

- Sleeping bag (April nights can be cold — 3 or 4-season recommended)
- Sleeping pad
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Layers for cool April weather, hat and gloves
- Rain gear
- Day pack
- 2 Water bottles — IMPORTANT: There is NO water on the island. Fill all containers during packing meeting
- Sturdy hiking boots (required on arrival and for all activities on island — NO open-toe shoes permitted anywhere in camp)
- Extra synthetic or wool socks
- Toilet articles and personal medication
- Drinking cup
- Class A uniform (to wear on arrival Friday and for Colors on Saturday)
- Compass for orienteering (loaners may be available from the Troop by Patrol)
- Work gloves and sturdy boots for conservation/service projects
- Spending money for the Ridge Trading Post
- Patrol food and cooking supplies (coordinate with your Patrol Leader in advance)

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## KEY REMINDERS:

- NO open-toe shoes anywhere in camp — sandals and flip-flops are NOT permitted at any time.
- We are NOT canoeing or swimming on this trip — river shoes are not required.
- All gear must be packed in a frame pack — this is a backpacking-style trip and gear moves by hand from the barge to your campsite. Frame packs are available to borrow from the Troop on a first-come, first-served basis. The bus and equipment truck will handle transport to the Ranger House.
- No alcohol or illegal drugs in camp.

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**RESERVATIONS:** Turn in the attached permission slip and let your Patrol Leader know by **April 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 PM at the Cabin, or email to Mr. Bilson, if you will be attending.

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**⚠ MANDATORY PACKING MEETING: Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 PM at the Cabin.** All confirmed attendees — Scouts and Adults — are required to attend. Bring your packed frame pack for inspection. Troop frame packs are available to borrow on a first-come, first-served basis; see Mr. Bilson at the meeting to claim one.

**WILLISTOWN TROOP 78**  
**TREASURE ISLAND CAMPING TRIP**

Friday April 10 to Sunday April 12, 2026

**PERMISSION SLIP**

Please complete and return this page per the terms of the handout.

Scout name and patrol:

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Adult attendee name:

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E-mail address and phone number of family member NOT ON THE TRIP:

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Allergies — please indicate any food allergies, dietary restrictions, or other relevant allergies (e.g., bee stings):

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This trip is **FREE for all Scouts**.

Registered Adults — \$30. Check made payable to Willistown Troop 78.

For Non-Troop Registered Adults: A copy of your valid YPT or SYT certificate and clearances are required and **MUST** be submitted with this slip.

**If I am signing for a Scout:** I am the parent/legal guardian of the Scout named above, and my signature below constitutes my permission for my son to attend the 2026 Willistown Troop 78 Treasure Island Camping Trip. My signature also authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for my son if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted. If my child cannot attend for any reason, I promise that my son will notify both his Patrol Leader and Mr. Bilson (610-547-7934) no later than April 9th at 4:00 PM. Missing the trip once you have signed up may result in a fee of \$80 per person to be collected, no matter the reason.

**If I am an adult attendee:** My signature below reflects my intent to attend, and I will notify the Troop promptly if my plans change. My signature also authorizes any registered Willistown Troop 78 leader in attendance to obtain medical treatment for me if, in the discretion of such registered leader, such treatment is warranted and I am not able to grant consent. If I cannot attend for any reason, I promise to call Mr. Bilson (610-547-7934) no later than April 9th at 4:00 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent signature, or signature of adult attendee)

**SIGN UP AND RETURN THIS FORM BY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM AT THE CABIN, OR EMAIL TO:**  
**[JackBilson@gmail.com](mailto:JackBilson@gmail.com)**